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TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANAGERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION

FOR THE

INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

Presented to the Corporators,

At their Annual Meeting, March, 3d, 1845.



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CORPORATORS

AT THEIR

ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 3d, 1845.

THE Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Contributors to the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," was held at the Institution on Monday, March 3d, 1845, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. Thomas P. Cope was called to the Chair, and Samuel V. Merrick appointed Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read, Dr. R. M. Patterson submitted the Annual Report of the Board of Managers, together with a list of the Pupils of the Institution; a statement of the Manufactures; the Treasurer's Account; the Report of the Committee on Finance; and the Report of the Annual Committee of Audit and Inspection; and thereupon it was unanimously—

Resolved, That the Report be accepted, and, with its accompanying documents, be referred to the next Board of Managers, to be printed; and that the thanks of the Contributors be presented to the Board of Managers for the able and faithful discharge of their duties, and the happy result of their labours.

On motion of Samuel Breck, Esq., it was—

Resolved, That the third article of the Constitution be amended, so that the same shall read as follows:—

ARTICLE III. The Members of the Institution shall be the Annual Subscribers who pay in advance a sum not less than three dollars; the Life Members, so constituted by the payment of a gross sum of not less than thirty dollars; and the Members, ex officio, composed of the Members of the Board of Managers when in office, and of such others as have held a place in the Board for ten years.

On motion of Hon. Edw. King, it was—

Resolved, That the tenth article of the Constitution be amended by striking out from the same the words "two Visiting Physicians."

On motion of Dr. J. K. Mitchell, it was—

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Board of Managers, to allow to the Attending Physicians, such compensation for their services, as the Board may deem right and proper.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Samuel Breck, Esq.—

Whereas, Mr. *Jacob G. Morris*, a Member of the Board of Managers, has acted as Principal of this Institution for three months, and has conducted, during that time, the current business of the House and its inmates, with fidelity and ability, giving entire satisfaction to the Board of Managers, by whom he was appointed; and, whereas, for these services thus rendered, he refuses to receive a salary, therefore—

Resolved, That the Board of Managers to be elected this day be and they are hereby requested to cause one or more pieces of plate to be purchased, on which shall be inscribed the thanks of the Contributors and of the Association, for Mr. Morris's gratuitous services as aforesaid.

And the preamble and resolution being considered, were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Hon. Edw. King, it was—

Resolved, That the fourth article of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "twelve" before the word "Managers," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "fourteen."

It was then, on motion, *Resolved*, That the Contributors do now proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Jacob G. Morris and Wm. Platt were appointed tellers; and an election having been had, the tellers reported the following gentlemen as duly chosen.

President.

BENJAMIN W. RICHARDS.

Vice-Presidents.

ROBERT M. PATTERSON,
A. DALLAS BACHE,

SAMUEL BRECK,
~~JOHN U. FRANK~~

Treasurer.

GEORGE W. EDELMAN.

Corresponding Secretary.

J. FRANCIS FISHER.

Recording Secretary.

THEODORE CUYLER.

Consulting Physician.

CHARLES D. MEIGS.

Managers.

JOHN K. KANE,
1. ALBERT G. WATERMAN,
EDWARD KING,
2. FRANKLIN PEALE,
~~FREDERICK FRALEY,~~
THOMAS S. KIRKBRIDE,
JACOB G. MORRIS,

JOHN C. CRESSON,
ROBLEY DUNGLISON,
WILLIAM H. DILLINGHAM,
~~JOS. R. MCCLINTOCK,~~
ALFRED ELWYN,
CASPAR MORRIS,
ANSON V. PARSONS.

Dr. Peale

[Adjourned.]

THOMAS P. COPE, *Chairman.*

S. V. MERRICK, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR,

Appointed by the Board of Managers.

FINANCE.

Samuel Breck, John K. Kane,
Frederick Fraley.

ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.

Franklin Peale,

~~John K. Kane,~~
~~Jos. R. McClintock.~~

Anson V. Parsons
J. W. Fraley

INSTRUCTION.

Robert M. Patterson, Robley Dunglison,
J. Francis Fisher, John C. Cresson,
Alfred Elwyn.

HOUSEHOLD.

Albert G. Waterman, Jacob G. Morris,
Thomas S. Kirkbride, William H. Dillingham,
Edward King.

FEMALE VISITERS.

Mrs. B. W. Richards, Mrs. J. K. Kane,
Mrs. C. D. Meigs, Mrs. A. G. Waterman,
Mrs. R. M. Patterson, Mrs. S. Breck.

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Principal.

JOHN A. VAUGHAN, D.D.

Assistant Teachers.

SAMUEL ARTHUR,

MISS MARY ANNE MORRIS.

Assisting.

HANNAH GUILLAN (Blind),

HANNAH NEWBROUGH (Blind).

Teacher of Music.

F. RASCHE.

Master of Handicraft.

C. H. MEYER.

Mistress of Handicraft.

MISS LEAH ANN SHARPLESS.

Matron.

MRS. ELIZA WHITE.

Printer and Storekeeper.

MICHAEL SNIDER.

TWELFTH

ANNUAL REPORT.

THE Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind beg leave to lay before the Contributors the Annual Report required by the charter.

The number of pupils at present receiving the benefits of the Institution is greater than has ever been heretofore reported. It amounts to 67; composed of 33 males and 34 females. Of the whole number, 53 are from Pennsylvania, 7 from New Jersey, 5 from Maryland, 1 from Delaware, and 1 from China. Since the last Annual Report, 6 pupils have left the Institution, and 9 have been admitted.

Every care is taken of the health and comfort of the pupils. Their diet, clothing, and lodging, are faithfully attended to by the Matron, Mrs. ELIZA WHITE. Exercise in the open air is enforced, and means taken to make it attractive. In cases of sickness, the patients are placed in apartments separate from the main building, and have advantage of the skill and attention of the visiting physicians, Drs. Stocker and Page. One case only of death has occurred. It was that of a young, interesting, and amiable child, Mary James, from Pittsburg, and was caused by consumption, following an attack of hooping-cough. At present, there is no pupil suffering from sickness.

The system of instruction originally adopted in the school is still continued with the most satisfactory success. It consists in teaching the blind, as nearly as possible, as we do those who have sight. In reading, the same form of letters is used; in arithmetic, the same figures; in music, the same notation; and the facility

with which the children learn reading, arithmetic, and music, is scarcely, if at all, inferior to that of those whose vision is perfect. Writing is now taught to many of the pupils, and their success is such as fully to justify the more general use of this branch of instruction. Some of the students have made very respectable progress in grammar, composition, geography, history, moral philosophy, arithmetic, algebra, and other branches of useful education; and the studies of two of the boys are now directed to their preparation for entering college. The teachers, in this department, are Mr. SAMUEL ARTHUR, Miss MARY ANNE MORRIS, recently introduced into the Institution, and Miss HANNAH GUILLAN, formerly one of the pupils.

Special attention continues to be paid to the instruction in music, an art from the enjoyment and practice of which the blind are in no degree excluded by their infirmity. For the success attained in this department, appeal is confidently made to the instrumental and vocal performances of the pupils. Besides the pleasure which the art gives to themselves and others, it offers one of the most important means for their support, after they leave the Institution. Several of the former pupils are now maintaining themselves, as music teachers and organists, in comfort and respectability. Mr. F. RASCHE continues to be the instructor in this department.

In the workshop for the males, the exhibition of industry and skill is very gratifying. The principal trade at present is brush-making; but the pupils are also employed in making shoes, baskets, mats, rag-carpets, tow cloth, &c. This department continues to be under the immediate management of Mr. C. H. MEYER.

The department of handicraft for the female pupils is still under the charge of Mrs. LEAH ANN SHARPLESS. The work done is sewing, knitting, netting, brush-making of the finer kind, fancy bead-work, &c. Many of the products of this department are well calculated to excite astonishment, that work so intricate, so regular in form, and with even such mingling of colours, could be executed by persons deprived of vision.

To encourage industry, and to enable the provident pupils to lay up some money for themselves, against the time of their leaving the Institution, an allowance is now made to them for

their overwork; and the effect of this arrangement is found to be very beneficial.

From one of the statements appended to this Report, it appears that the products of the handicraft departments have paid all the expenses of materials, salaries, &c., and still left a balance in favour of the Institution.

The management of the printing establishment is, as heretofore, one of the duties entrusted to Mr. M. SNIDER. The principal work done in it, during the year, was the printing of the Students' Magazine, which was issued in monthly numbers. As it was found, however, that this work had ceased to attract the interest and attention which had formerly been given to it, it has been recently discontinued, and it is intended, henceforward, to employ the press upon works more directly connected with education.

Reports from the Treasurer, the Committee of Finance, and the Committee of Audit, are now laid before the Corporators, and fully set forth the financial condition of the Institution. From these statements, it appears that—

The estimated value of the real estate and other property of the Institution, exclusive of the Birch Legacy Fund, is				-	-	-	-	\$83,237	58
The estimated value of the Birch Fund, is				-	-	-	-	95,812	38
Receipts of the Institution for 1844, including those from the Birch Legacy, and from sales of manufactured articles, but exclusive of the pay received for pupils, is				-	-	-	-	6,488	14
The amount received for pupils in 1844, is				-	-	-	-	11,684	86
The actual expenses of the Institution for 1844, is				-	-	-	-	16,503	60

The government of the Institution has undergone a material change since the last Report, in consequence of the resignation of the former Principal, Mr. David B. Tower, which took place on the 26th of November last. On the occurrence of this event, which had not been anticipated, it became necessary for the Managers to take immediate measures for the temporary performance of the important duties of a Principal, until a permanent appointment could be made. For this object, all eyes were

turned upon one of the members of the Board, who had ever shown the greatest devotion to our benevolent charity, who was beloved and respected by the pupils, and who had the entire confidence of his fellow-managers. Accordingly the appointment of Principal, *ad interim*, was given to Mr. JACOB G. MORRIS, and he was prevailed upon to accept the office. For three months he performed its duties faithfully and ably, and, at the close of his labour, refused any other compensation than the pleasure of doing good, and the gratitude of those whom he had served.

On the 2d of January, the Managers united upon CHARLES B. TREGO, Esq., of Philadelphia, as their choice for the office of Principal; but the engagements into which he had entered, as a member of the Legislature of the State, were such as, in his judgment, to make it improper for him to leave that station; and he accordingly declined accepting the place in our Institution to which he had been chosen.

On the 6th of February a new election was held, and the choice fell upon the Rev. Dr. JOHN A. VAUGHAN, who entered upon the discharge of his duties on the 24th. In the character of this gentleman, the Board think they find the qualities required for the trust reposed in him: a cultivated mind, a kind yet firm temper, and a conscientious feeling of responsibility. They confidently expect from him, in particular, the constant exercise of an influence over the pupils, which shall inculcate in them pure principles of morality, enforced by the sanctions of religion.

BENJ. W. RICHARDS, *President*.

THEO. CUYLER, *Secretary*.

APPENDIX.

[No. I.]

LIST OF PUPILS IN THE INSTITUTION, FEB. 1, 1845.

Resident Pupils (Time expired).

Sarah Marsh, Elizabeth Solomon, Rachel Laird, Samuel Pyle—4.

Pupils from Pennsylvania.

FEMALES.

Elizabeth Adolph,
Maria Gill,
Mary Donnelly,
Anna Fithian,
Emma Westby,
Maria Jones,
Mary Wheaton,
Maria Foote,
Rebecca Raney,
Phœbe E. Fithian,
Maria Cormany,
Nancy Henderson,
Fleurine Frisard,
Mary James,
Sarah Ann Minnich,
Caroline Souder,
Margaret J. Love,
Rachel Street,
Mary P. Jones,
Mary Ann Starritt—20.

MALES.

Samuel M^cGiffin,
Henry Boyer,
Hugh Coyle,
M. Bennis Clark,
Hugh M^cLean,
John F. Wendell,
Walter S. Fortescue,
Cyrus Dubbs,
David Ireland,
James J. Peebles,
David Loughery,
Edward Boyd,
John J. Romig,
Richard M^cElrevy,
David Adair,
David Woods,
William M^cMillan,
Alexander M^cMillan,
James M^cCloskey,
John Claiborne,
Henry Frey,
James Southern,
Robert Wheaton,
Ambrose Karrigan,
Sylvester Morton,
Patrick Sweeney,
Edward Mack,
Samuel H. Paist,
John L. Steiner—29.

From Maryland.

FEMALES.

Sarah Lynch,
Fanny Hoke—2.

MALES.

John Jones,
James E. S. Magruder,
James Connell—3.

From New Jersey.

Matilda Hankins,
Sarah Ann Dandy,
Elizabeth A. Fennimore,

Matilda Cruser,
Sarah Cruser,
Catherine Cruser,
Hannah Hildreth—7.

From Delaware.

Sarah Ann Eaton—1.

From China (Asia).

Fanny Gutzlaff—1.

Total Females,	-	-	34
„ Males,	-	-	33

— 67 Pupils.

Since the 1st February, one female pupil has left the Institution, and one died (Mary James). Two male pupils have been admitted, viz.—William James Ireland and Henry Smith.

[No. II.]

PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

Books published in "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind."

The Gospel of Mark, 160 pages, 4to. 1833. This is the first embossed book printed in this country.

Early Days of Washington, and Declaration of Independence of the United States, 71 pages, 8vo. 1834.

Die Ostereier (German), 84 pages, folio cap.

The Books of Ruth and Esther, 50 pages, „

Guide to Spelling, 86 pages, „

Proverbs of Solomon, 96 pages, „

Auswahl (Selections in German), 44 pages, „

Select Library for the Blind, 5 vols., 100 pages each, fol. cap. 1839.
 Student's Magazine (published monthly), 7 vols., from 1838 to 1844,
 inclusive.

French Verbs, 25 pages, full size cap sheet.

Church Music, 3 vols., full size, 100 pages each.—This selection contains more than 150 popular tunes of standard church music; and it will greatly assist the student in acquiring a practical knowledge of thorough bass.*

Psalms and Hymns, 68 pages, full size cap.—This volume contains 175 Psalms and Hymns, in common use, and adapted to the above selection of church music.

A Short Dictionary of Musical Terms.

For a few years past little has been done in the Printing Department. As a separate account will be kept of the funds of this department, any donation or bequest to it will be exclusively appropriated to multiplying works for the blind.

All legacies and donations to the printing fund, to aid in supplying the blind with books, should specify that particular object.

[No. III.]

MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT,

For 1844.

DR.

Value of raw material on hand, January 1, 1844,	-	-	\$403	20
Value of material bought during 1844,	-	-	1234	62
Paid for instruction in work department,	-	-	700	00
Paid to pupils for overwork,	-	-	260	34
Cleaning bristles,	-	-	29	12
Manufactured articles on hand, January 1, 1844,	-	-	1615	53
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				\$4242 81
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* These volumes of music have been used with great success here, and in two similar institutions; their appearance and utility have elicited the commendation of foreign professors of music, who have visited the Institution.

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1844.	Amount brought forward,	\$15,506 33	1844.	Amount brought forward,	\$18,067 95
Feb'y. 9.	To Cash rec'd from A. Lardner, for sundry stocks and loans sold by him, viz.		Dec. 30.	By Cash paid discount on \$8,545.53, received in "relief issues" from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and converted into bankable funds,	
	1 share N. C. & Fh. T. R. R. Co's stock, - - - - - \$8 25			By Cash paid sundry expenses, as follows:	107 24
	35 shares Philadelphia & B. R. R. Co's stock, @ 16 1/2 - - - - - \$571 75			Discount on Maryland draft, - - - - - \$1 76	
	\$350 Philadelphia & B. R. R. Co's loan of 1853, @ 76, - - - - - 266 00			Power of Attorney to enter satisfaction on J. Schiedel's mortgage, do. do. on J. H. Brolaskey's mortgage, - - - - - 3 50	
Feb'y. 15.	To Cash rec'd from Philadelphia and Baltimore R. R. Co. for 6 mo's interest, - - - - -	846 38		By Cash loaned Eli Whelan and J. W. Robinson, late Pupils of the Institution, on their note,	5 26
" 16.	Do. rec'd from A. Lardner, for 50 shares N. Orleans Canal and Banking Co's stock sold by him, @ \$12.50—\$2,125. Less com \$12 50, - - - - -	10 50			150 00
" 21.	Do. rec'd from Frederick Brown, for 6 mo's interest on his mortgage, - - - - -	2,112 50			
March 22.	Do. rec'd from Dr Edward Peace, to constitute him a life member, - - - - -	600 00			
" "	Do. rec'd from W. J. Van Buskirk. N. Y. proceeds of the final dividend of stock in Mutual Insurance Co N. Y. - - - - -	39 00			
April 9.	Do. rec'd from American Fire Insurance Co. for 6 mo's dividend, - - - - -	42 00			
" 13.	Do. rec'd from Septimus Norris, for 6 mo's board and tuition of Fanny Hoke, - - - - -	693 00			
" 22.	Do. rec'd from Townsend Sharpless, trustee, for 1 mo. 25 days' interest on 4 bonds, - - - - -	100 00			
" 27.	Do. rec'd from Lewis Brecheinin, for 6 mo's interest on his mortgage, - - - - -	90 21			
" 29.	Do. rec'd from Franklin Institute, for 6 mo's interest, - - - - -	45 00			
May 4.	Do. rec'd from American Fire Insurance Co. to pay for repairing damage by fire to	12 50			

13.	Do.	two houses on Schuylkill 3d street, rec'd from Union Insurance Co. a return of \$20 per share on 19 shares of stock, rec'd from A. Lardner, for Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co.'s stock, sold by him, \$5,000 @ 45 1/4 } \$4,562 50. Less com. \$5,000 @ 46 } \$25 00,	275 00	By sundry investments of "moneys received from the sale of stocks and loans, and from bonds and mortgages, belonging to the Birch Legacy," viz. By Cash paid "The Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company," for four bonds assigned by said Company to this Institution, secured by mortgages of the premises, No. 274 High street, and by a policy of perpetual insurance for \$5,000, - - -	11,809 46
	Do.	rec'd from A. Lardner, for Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co.'s stock, sold by him— \$5,000 @ 47 1/2 — \$2,375 00. Less com. \$12 50, - - -	380 00		
31.	Do.	rec'd from Chestnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Co. for 6 mo's dividend, - - -	4,537 50	By Cash paid John Warner, for a bond assigned by him to this Institution, secured by mortgage of the premises, No. 22 Madison street, and by a policy of perpetual insurance for \$1,500, - - -	2,500 00
June 11.	Do.	rec'd from Germ. and Perk. Turnpike Co. for 6 mo's dividend, - - -	63 00		
18.	Do.	rec'd from Chel. and W. Grove Turnpike Co. for 6 mo's dividend, - - -	4 00		
July 9.	Do.	rec'd from Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Co. for 12 mo's dividend, - - -	64 00		
13.	Do.	rec'd from Dr. Heber Chase, for 6 mo's interest on H. S. Tanner's mortgage, - - -	162 00		
18.	Do.	rec'd from A. Lardner, for Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co.'s stock, sold by him, \$5,000 @ 42 1/4 } \$4,333 25. Less com. 1,700 @ 44 } \$25 00, 3,300 @ 44 1/4 } \$25 00,	150 00		
August 2.	Do.	rec'd from F. Rasche, for one quarter's rent, - - -	4,308 25		
7.	Do.	rec'd from A. Lardner, for Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co.'s stock, sold by him— \$5,000 @ 40 1/2 — \$202 50. Less com. \$1 25, - - -	30 00		
Amount carried forward, - - -			201 25	Amount carried forward, - - -	\$32,639 91
			\$32,625 92		

1844.		<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$32,625 92	1844.	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$32,639 91
Aug. 15.	Do.	rec'd from Frederick Brown, for 6 mo's interest on his mortgage,	375 00	Dec. 30.	By Cash paid W. J. Duane, trustee for Jane Dumoutet, being for so much laid out, paid and expended erroneously, by the late Wm. Y. Birch, as trustee of Jane Dumoutet, including interest for the same to May 1, 1844,	2,980 51
" 21.	Do.	rec'd from A. Lardner, for Lehigh Coal and Nav. Co's stock, sold by him—\$2,000 @ 40½—\$810. Less com. \$5,	805 00		By Cash paid for \$1,200 of Philadelphia County 5's, redeemable '80,	1,128 00
" 30.	Do.	rec'd from Union Insurance Co. a return of \$10 per share on 19 shares of stock,	190 00		By Cash paid for a lot of ground, in the rear of the Magdalen Asylum, bounded on the west by Schuylkill Second street, on the north by a street intended to be the continuation of Summer st. and on the east by ground belonging to the Institution,	4,880 96
" "	Do.	rec'd from Union Insurance Co. for so much surplus in lieu of a semi-annual dividend,	57 00			
Sept. 30.	Do.	rec'd from Septimus Norris, for 6 mo's board and tuition of Fanny Hoke,	100 00			
Oct. 12.	Do.	rec'd from Townsend Sharpless, trustee, for 6 mo's interest on 4 bonds,	205 23			
" 22.	Do.	rec'd from American Fire Insurance Co. for 6 mo's dividends,	693 00			
" 24.	Do.	rec'd from Lewis Brechemin, for 6 mo's interest on his mortgage,	45 00			
" "	Do.	rec'd from Joseph Battin, for 12 mo's interest on C. & S. Kearney's mortgage,	45 00			
Nov. 8.	Do.	rec'd from F. Rasche, for one quarter's rent,	30 00			
" 13.	Do.	rec'd from Franklin Institute, for 6 mo's interest,	12 50			
" 15.	Do.	rec'd from Geo. W. Edelman, for 6 mo's 22 days' interest,	76 14			
" 30.	Do.	rec'd from Cheltenham and W. Grove Turnpike Co. for 6 mo's dividend,	56 00			
" "	Do.	rec'd from Chestnut Hill and S. House Turnpike Co. for 6 mo's dividend,	42 00			
Dec. 12.	Do.	rec'd from C. H. Meyer, for one quarter's rent,	25 00			

13. Do. rec'd from Germ. and Perkiomen Turnpike Co. for 6 mo's dividend, - - -
 31 Do. rec'd for Board and Tuition of the Pupils of the Institution Supported by the following States, The State of Pennsylvania, to Oct. 1, 1844, for 12 mo's on account, - - -
 The State of New Jersey, to Oct. 1, for 12 mo's in full, -
 The State of Maryland, to Oct. 1, for 12 mo's in full, -
 The State of Delaware, to July 1, for 12 mo's in full, -
 Dec. 31. To Cash rec'd from annual contributors, - -
 " Do. rec'd from J. W. Morris, as a donation, -
 " Do. rec'd from donation box, -
 " Do. rec'd from sales of merchandise, -
 " Do. rec'd from subscribers to "Student's Magazine," - - -

3 00
 8,545 53
 1,325 00
 1,406 00
 208 33
 188 90
 6 69
 5 39
 1,576 78
 21 00
 \$48,753 41

1845.
 January 1. By Balance in the Bank of North America this day, to the credit of the Institution, - - -

7,124 03

Note.—Of this balance \$3,237.58 belong to the General Income Fund, and \$3,886.45 belong to the Birch Legacy.

\$48,753 41

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Treasurer's Office, January 1st, 1845.

GEO. W. EDELMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Committee of Finance have examined the foregoing account, and compared the same with the vouchers produced in support thereof, and find the same correct: balance in the Bank of North America,—Seven thousand one hundred and twenty-four dollars and three cents, \$7,124.03, January 1st, 1845.

SAM'L. BRECK, }
 F. FRALEY, } *Committee of Finance.*

Examined and found correct,

B. W. RICHARDS, }
 JOHN U. FRALEY, } *Committee of Audit and Inspection.*
 THEO. CUYLER, }

[No. VI.]

RECEIPTS FROM THE BIRCH LEGACY,
FOR THE YEAR 1844.

1844.

Jan.	8.	Twelve months' interest on Franklin Institute Loan, - - - - -	\$ 25 00
,,	10.	Six months' interest on C. & S. Kearney's bond, of Joseph Battin, - - - - -	22 50
,,	10.	Two months twenty-six days' interest on Jacob Schiedel's bond, - - - - -	\$28 67
		Less cost of Power of Attorney to enter satisfaction, - - - - -	1 50
			<hr/> 27 17
,,	11.	Six months' interest on P. W. & B. R. R. Co's Loan, - - - - -	10 50
,,	12.	Twelve months' dividend on Union Insurance Co's Stock, - - - - -	114 00
,,	15.	Six months' interest on Glenn & Johnston's bond, of J. H. Brolaskey, - - - - -	132 00
Feb.	2.	Eighteen and an half months' interest on Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's Mortgage Loan, - - - - -	314 61
,,	3.	One month twenty-eight days' interest on Glenn & Johnston's bond, of J. H. Brolaskey; less cost of Power of Attorney to enter satisfaction, - - - - -	40 52
,,	15.	Six months' interest on P. W. & B. R. R. Co's Loan, - - - - -	10 50
,,	21.	Six month's interest on Frederick Brown's bond,	600 00
April	9.	Six months' dividend on American Fire Insurance Co's Stock, - - - - -	693 00
,,	22.	One month 25 days' interest on four bonds of Townsend Sharpless, Trustee, - - - - -	90 21
,,	27.	Six months' interest on Lewis Brechemin's bond,	45 00
,,	29.	Six months' interest on Franklin Institute Loan,	12 50
May	31.	Six months' dividend on C. H. & Spring House Turnpike Co's Stock, - - - - -	63 00
June	11.	Six months' dividend on Germ. & Perk. Turnpike Company's Stock, - - - - -	4 00

June 18.	Six months' dividend on C. H. & Willow Grove Turnpike Co's Stock,	-	-	-	64 00
July 9.	Twelve months' dividend on Philada. & Lan. Turnpike Co's Stock,	-	-	-	162 00
„ 13.	Six months' interest on H. S. Tanner's bond, of Dr. Heber Chase,	-	-	-	150 00
Aug. 15.	Six months' interest on Frederick Brown's bond,				375 00
„ 30.	So much surplus in lieu of six months' dividend on Union Ins. Co's Stock,	-	-	-	57 00
Oct. 12.	Six months' interest on four bonds of Townsend Sharpless, Trustee,	-	-	-	295 23
„ 22.	Six months' dividend on American Fire Insurance Company's Stock,	-	-	-	693 00
„ 24.	Six months' interest on Lewis Brechemin's bond,				45 00
„ 24.	Twelve months' interest on C. & S. Kearney's bond, of Joseph Battin,	-	-	-	45 00
Nov. 13.	Six months' interest on Franklin Institute Loan,				12 50
„ 15.	Six months twenty-two days' interest on Isaac Edelman's bond, of Geo. W. Edelman,	-			70 14
„ 30.	Six months' dividend on C. H. & Willow Grove Turnpike Co's Stock,	-	-	-	56 00
„ 30.	Six months' dividend on C. H. & Spring House Turnpike Co's Stock,	-	-	-	42 00
Dec. 13.	Six months' dividend on Germ. & Perk. Turnpike Co's Stock,	-	-	-	3 00
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					\$4,274 38
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January 1, 1845.

GEO. W. EDELMAN, *Treasurer.*

[No. VII.]

The Committee of Audit and Inspection respectfully report, that they have examined the evidences of property belonging to the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, now in the custody of the Committee on Finance, and they find the same to be as follows, viz.—

1. *Decds and other Muniments of Title to the Real Estate occupied by the Institution at the N. W. corner of Sassafras and Schuylkill Third Street.*

Knowles Taylor and wife to the Institution.

Isaac S. Lloyd and wife to the Institution.

Policies of Insurance issued by Philadelphia Contributionship Insurance Company.

On the main building, for	\$12,000
„ workshop,	1,000

Policy of Insurance for \$9000, by the Pennsylvania Insurance Company, on furniture and other moveable property in the building and workshops of the Institution.

2. *Bonds.*

1. Thomas Hughes, for \$1000, secured by mortgage of a farm in New Britain Township, Bucks County, containing 103 acres 1 perch of land: subject to prior mortgages for \$2000.

2. Isaac Edelman, for \$2500, secured by mortgage.

3. C. & S. Kearney, for \$750, secured by mortgage of premises No. 140 South Fifth street, and by Policy of Insurance for \$800.

4. Lewis Brechemin, for \$1500, secured by mortgage of premises No. 170 South Third street: Policy of Insurance for \$500.

5. Henry S. Tanner, for \$6000, secured by mortgage of premises No. 4 Franklin Row, west side of Ninth street below Walnut street: Policy of Insurance for \$4000.

6. Frederick Brown, for \$15,000, secured by mortgage of premises N. E. corner of Chesnut and Delaware Fifth street, and by Policy of Perpetual Insurance thereon for \$4000.

7. Townsend Sharpless, trustee, for \$11,809.46, at 5 per cent., secured by mortgages of premises No. 274 High street, and by Policy of Perpetual Insurance for \$5000.

8. Ch. & Geo. Abbott to the Institution—Mortgage for \$2400, upon property north side of Poplar street, east of Ninth street, thirty-two feet front: Policy of Insurance for \$1000.

3. *Stocks.*

1. Certificate No. 631, for 19 shares Union Insurance Company's Stock.

2. Certificate No. 361, for 231 shares American Fire Insurance Company's Stock.

3. Certificate No. 214, for 21 shares Chesnut Hill and Spring House Turnpike Road Company's Stock.

4. Certificate for 16 shares Cheltenham and Willow Grove Turnpike Company's Stock.

5. Certificate No. 609, for 2 shares Germantown and Perkiomen Turnpike Company's Stock.

6. Certificate No. 1494, for 5 shares of Stock in the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company.

7. Certificates No. 177 and 178, for 20 shares of Stock in the Union Canal Company.

8. Certificates No. 851 and 858, for 2 shares of Stock in Centre Turnpike Company.

9. Certificates (54 in number) for 54 shares of Stock in Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike Company.

Sundry Certificates of Stock in several bankrupt Insurance Companies and obsolete Associations, which the Committee believe to be worthless.

4. *Loans.*

1. Jno. Robinson & E. W. Whelan, for \$150.

2. Ten Certificates, of \$50 each, 5 per cent. Loan of the Franklin Institute.

3. Fifteen Certificates, for \$30,000 Union Canal Company 6 per cent. Loan.

4. Certificate No. 63, for consolidated interest due by Union Canal Company, for \$3791.23.

5. Lehigh Mortgage Loan—Certificate No. 438, for \$3401.11, at 6 per cent.

6. Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's Loan, 6 per cent.—Certificate for \$24,031.69.

7. Philadelphia County Loan, 5 per cent.—Certificates for \$1200.

8. Certificates No. 258, 1377, for \$3000, Pennsylvania State 5 per cent. Loan.

9. Two Certificates for interest on State Loan, amounting to \$388.77.

5. *Evidences of Title to other Real Estate of the Institution.*

1. Deed—John K. Kane and others, to the Institution, for lot S. E. corner of Schuylkill Second and Summer street.

2. Deeds—Messrs. School & Faurest, to the Institution, for Real Estate S. W. corner of Schuylkill Third and Summer street.

Policy of Insurance upon buildings erected thereon, for \$1200.

The Committee also report, that they have carefully examined the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending January 1st, 1845, and have compared the same with the vouchers, and they find the same to be correct both in the charge and in the discharge thereof.

B. W. RICHARDS,
JOHN U. FRALEY,
FRANKLIN PEALE,
THEO. CUYLER,

Committee of Audit and Inspection.

[No. VIII.]

Estimate of the Value of the Estate of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, January 1, 1845.

BIRCH ESTATE.

Bonds and Mortgages.

Thomas Hughs,	-	-	-	-	\$1,000 00
Isaac Edelman,	-	-	-	-	2,500 00
C. and S. Kearney,	-	-	-	-	750 00
Lewis Brechemin,	-	-	-	-	1,500 00
Henry S. Tanner,	-	-	-	-	6,000 00
Frederick Brown,	-	-	-	-	15,000 00
Townsend Sharpless, Trustee,	-	-	-	-	11,809 46

Stocks.

American Fire Insurance Company,	231 Shares,	\$23,100 00
Chesnut Hill & Spring House Turnpike,	21 „	1,050 00
Cheltenham & Willow Grove Turnpike,	16 „	1,600 00
Germantown & Perkiomen Turnpike,	2 „	80 00
Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Co.	5 „	125 00
Union Canal Company,	20 „	
Centre Turnpike Company,	2 „	
Philadelphia & Lancaster Turnpike Co.	54 „	2,700 00
Union Insurance Company,	19 „	570 00
Do. do Scrip, \$50,		30 00

Loans.

John Robinson and E. W. Whelan, \$150,		
Franklin Institute 5 per ct. Loan, \$500,	-	\$375 00
Union Canal Company 6 per ct. Loan, \$30,000,		
Do. do. do. for interest, \$3791.22		
Lehigh Mortgage Loan, 6 per ct. \$3401.11,	-	2,300 00
Lehigh 6 per ct. Loan, \$24,031.69,	-	10,000 00
Philadelphia County 5 per ct. \$1200,	-	1,100 00
Pennsylvania State 5 per ct. \$3000,	-	2,200 00
Pennsylvania State 6 per ct. for interest,	\$229 50	
Pennsylvania State 5 per ct. for interest,	159 27	
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Stocks of sundry bankrupt corporations, obsolete associations, and town lots in Beula,

Cash pertaining to this Estate,	-	3,886 45
Real Estate at the S. E. Corner of Sch. Second and Summer St. purchased from Mr. Kane, and others,	-	4,880 96
Amount paid to Miss Jane Dumoutet's Trustee, for an erroneous expenditure of Mr. Birch, on Real Estate supposed to belong to her trust fund, but now forming a claim of the Institution against the Real Estate, on which the expenditure was actually made,	-	2,980 51

Total Birch Estate,	-	<hr/> \$95,812 38
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Other Property of the Institution.

Buildings, Furniture, Stock of Goods, and Materials, on the lot of ground occupied by the Institution, and including the lot,	-	\$75,000 00
Buildings and Lot purchased from Messrs. School and Faurest,	-	5,000 00
Cash belonging to General Fund,	-	3,237 58
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Total General Fund,	-	\$83,237 58
Total Birch Estate, as above,	-	95,812 38
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Total,	-	\$179,049 96

SAML. BRECK,
F. FRALEY,

Committee of Finance.

Estimate of the Income of the Institution for 1845.

Birch Estate, interest and dividends, - - -	\$4,274 38
State of Pennsylvania, for indigent pupils, - - -	8,000 00
State of Maryland, for indigent pupils, - - -	1,000 00
State of Delaware, for indigent pupils, - - -	200 00
State of New Jersey, for indigent pupils, - - -	1,500 00
Annual contributions, - - - - -	150 00
Sales of Merchandise and Contingencies, - - -	1,800 00
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	\$16,924 38
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[No. IX.]

The undersigned, Committee of Admission and Discharge, hereby give notice, that they will receive applications for pupils to be admitted into the Institution. The Legislatures of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland, have made provision for the education of a limited number of the indigent blind residing in their several States. Applicants for the *bounty* of either of the above named Commonwealths must conform to the requisitions and the acts of their respective Legislatures, before they can be admitted; and they are required to furnish satisfactory evidence from respectable persons in their neighbourhoods, of the pecuniary inability of the parents, and of the good natural intellect and constitution of the pupil.

In all cases, any existing regulations of the Board of Managers, of which the applicants may receive special notice, must be complied with.

Each pupil shall, on admission, be provided by his or her parents or guardians with a change of good comfortable clothing, to be renewed when required. The name of the owner must be marked on each article of clothing.

For the better information of persons at a distance, the form of application will, if requested, be forwarded to them.

No institution can offer greater facilities for educating private pupils, and such will be received from any State. For terms, &c., make application (if by letter, post paid,) to JOHN A. VAUGHAN, D.D., or to

either of the undersigned, members of the "Committee of Admission and Discharge."

FRANKLIN PEALE,
JOHN U. FRALEY,
JONAS R. M'CLINTOCK.

FORM OF A LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath to "The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," in Philadelphia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate,) all that, &c. (if personal), the sum of, &c.

